

**Livestock & Grain Market News**

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Week ending April 11, 2003



Alfalfa hay guidelines, used with visual appearance and intent of sale: Relative Feed Value (RFV); Acid Detergent Fiber (ADF); Crude Protein (CP) RFV calculated using the Wis/Minn formula. TDN calculated using the western formula. Quantitative factors are approximate and many factors can affect feeding value. Values based on 100% dry matter.

	ADF	NDF	RFV	TDN-100%	TDN-90%	CP
Supreme	<27	<34	>185	>62	>55.9	>22
Premium	27-29	34-36	170-185	60.5-62	54.5-55.9	20-22
Good	29-32	36-40	150-170	58-60	52.5-54.5	18-20
Fair	32-35	40-44	130-150	56-58	50.5-52.5	16-18
Utility	>35	>44	<130	<56	<50.5	<16

WASHINGTON/OREGON (Columbia Basin) April 11, 2003 Tons: 1,335; Last Week: 1,750; Last Year: 700; Light test on Premium and Supreme Alfalfa, going to dairy accounts, steady to weak. Demand continues to be light to moderate, supplies moderate. Not enough export hay in recent weeks for accurate trend comparison. Not much interest from export buyers, supplies light to moderate. Retail/feed store/horse hay steady in light test, demand light to moderate, supplies moderate, however inventory is getting worked down.

Quality, Size	Ton	Price Range	Avg Price
Export Alfalfa sales to move in 60 days unless noted:			
Premium midsize/ton	400	85.00	85., cubing, slicing
Premium 3 tie	150	95.00	95.00
Alfalfa, domestic sales:			
Supreme midsize/ton	25	115.00	115.00
Supreme 2-3 tie	25	115.00	115.00
Good midsize/ton	250	75.00-85.00	84.00
Fair 2-3 tie	50	70.00	70.00

435 tons of other hay. Feed store or horse accounts sales covered, mostly 2-3 tie bales: Good to Premium Alfalfa, 110.00-130.00 FOB. Good Alfalfa, 90.00-105.00 FOB. Good to Premium Alfalfa, light rain, 110.00 FOB. Good to Premium Orchard, 140.00-145.00 FOB. Good to Premium Orchard, Canada accounts, 150.00 FOB. Good to Premium Orchard/Alfalfa mix, 130.00 FOB. Good Orchard/Alfalfa mix, 110.00 FOB. Good Orchard/Alfalfa mix, 85.00 FOB. Wheat straw 50.00-55.00 FOB.

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IDAHO – April 11, 2003 Tons: 5,807; Last Week: 7,750; Last Year: 4,900; Premium and Supreme Alfalfa not well tested, demand light to moderate, supplies light to moderate. Fair and Good Alfalfa steady with last weeks decline, bulk of sales feeder type hay. Demand light to moderate, supplies moderate. Export hay not well tested, demand light, supplies light to moderate. Retail/feed store/horse hay not well tested. Demand light, supplies light to moderate. Much needed rain and snow showers went through state earlier in the week.

Quality, Size	Ton	Price Range	Avg Price
Export Alfalfa sales to move in 60 days unless noted:			
Good midsize/ton	600	70.00	70.00, cuber, slicer
Alfalfa, domestic sales:			
Premium midsize/ton	25	75.00	75.00
Good midsize/ton	250	70.00-75.00	73.50
Fair midsize/ton	4,450	55.00-70.00	59.75

482 tons of other hay. Good to Premium Alfalfa, 2001 hay, 60.00 FOB. Feed store and horse accounts sales on covered hay, mostly 2-3 tie bales: Good to Premium Alfalfa, 85.00 FOB. Good to Premium Alfalfa, small lots, 120.00 FOB. Good Alfalfa, 50.00-70.00 FOB. Good to Premium Alfalfa, certified weed free, 4.00 per bale FOB.

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Dairy Products Prices Highlights

Cheddar Cheese prices received for US 40 pound Blocks averaged \$1.08 per pound for the week ending April 5. The price per pound increased 0.6 cents from the previous week. The price for US 500 pound Barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.05 per pound, down 1.9 cents from the previous week.

Butter prices received for 25 kilogram and 68 pound boxes meeting USDA Grade AA standards averaged \$1.07 per pound for the week ending April 5. The U.S. price per pound decreased 0.4 cents from the previous week.

Nonfat Dry Milk prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade or USPH Grade A standards averaged 80.4 cents per pound for the week ending April 5. The U.S. price per pound increased 0.1 cents from the previous week.

Dry Whey prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade standards averaged 15.8 cents per pound for the week ending April 5. The U.S. price per pound increased slightly from the previous week. Released April 11, 2003, by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Ag. Statistics Board, USDA Ty Kalaus 202-690-3236, or Kevin Pautler 202-720-9168

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MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN EXCH. SPRING WHEAT FUTURES			KANSAS CITY BOARD of TRADE WHEAT FUTURES		
4/10/03 Settlement - Change			4/10/03 Settlement- Change		
May	3.56 ¾	dn 1 ½	May	3.21	dn ½
July	3.51 ½	dn 1 ½	July	3.11 ½	unch
Sept.	3.48 ½	dn 2	Sept.	3.16	unch
USDA Market News So. St. Paul, MN 651-451-1565			USDA-MO Market News St. Joseph, 816 238 0678		
CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE FUTURES					
WHEAT			CORN		
4/10/03 Settlement - Change			4/10/03 Settlement - Change		
May	2.85 ½	dn 1 ½	May	2.38 ¾	dn 3 ¼
July	2.91	dn 2 ¼	July	2.40 ¼	dn 3 ½
Sept	2.95 ¾	dn 2 ¾	Sept	2.39 ½	dn 3
USDA Market News, So. St. Paul, MN 651-451-1565					



OREGON AREAS: April 11, 2003, 2003 Tons: 3,265; Last Week: 3,100; Last Year: 3,650.			
CROOK, DESCHUTES, JEFFERSON, WASCO COUNTIES: 242 tons confirmed. Not enough new sales of any quality of Alfalfa for accurate trend comparison. Demand light, supplies light to moderate. As time goes by more producers are getting sold out. Retail/feed store/horse hay not well tested, near steady. Demand light to moderate, supplies light to moderate.			
Quality, size	Ton	Price Range	Avg. Price
Alfalfa Domestic Sales:			
Good midsize	25	90.00	90.00
217 tons of other hay. Good Alfalfa, grass and weeds, or light rain damage, 80.00-85.00 FOB. Sales to feed store, horse, goats, llama and alpaca mostly 2-3 tie bales and small truckloads: Good to Premium Alfalfa, 110.00-125.00 FOB. Good to Premium Orchard/Alfalfa mix 125.00 FOB. Mixed pasture hay, 110.00-125.00 FOB.			
SOUTHERN OREGON, KLAMATH BASIN: 335 tons confirmed. Not enough of any quality of Alfalfa for accurate trend comparison. Demand light, supplies light to moderate. Retail/feed store/horse hay not well tested. Demand light to moderate, supplies light to moderate.			
Alfalfa Domestic Sales:			
Good 2-3 tie	100	90.00	90.00
85 tons of other hay. Fair Alfalfa, light rain damage, 60.00 FOB. Sales to feed store, horse, goats, llama and alpaca mostly 2-3 tie bales and small truckloads: Good to Premium Alfalfa, 110.00 FOB. Good Oat/Orchard mix, 85.00 FOB.			
LAKE COUNTY: 1,633 tons confirmed. In a light test Premium Alfalfa weak to 5.00, instances 10.00 lower. Other qualities not well tested. No recent sales of export hay for trend comparison. Demand light to moderate, supplies light to moderate. Retail/feed store/horse hay not well tested. Demand light, supplies light to moderate.			
Export Alfalfa sales to move in 60 days unless noted:			
Premium 3 tie	150	95.00	95.00
Oat Hay ¾, ton	300	70.00	70.00
Alfalfa Domestic Sales:			
Premium 2-3 tie	75	80.00-85.00	83.33
Premium ¾, ton	275	95.00	95.00
833 tons of other hay. Premium/Supreme Alfalfa, light bleach, 115.00 FOB. 3-way Forage mix, 65.00 FOB. Sales to feed store, horse, goats, llama and alpaca mostly 2-3 tie bales and small truckloads: Good to Premium Alfalfa, 110.00-120.00 FOB.			
HARNEY COUNTY: 505 tons confirmed. Not enough any quality of Alfalfa hay for accurate trend comparison. Demand light, supplies light to moderate. Retail/feed store/horse hay not tested. Demand light, supplies light to moderate.			
Alfalfa Domestic Sales:			
Good midsize	25	75.00	75.00
480 tons of other hay. Good Alfalfa, light rain, 80.00 FOB. Sales to feed store, horse, goats, llama and alpaca mostly 2-3 tie bales and truckloads: No new sales confirmed.			
EASTERN OREGON (BAKER, MALHEUR COUNTIES): 550 tons confirmed. Not enough new sales of Alfalfa for accurate trend comparison. Demand light, supplies light to moderate. Retail/feed store/horse hay not tested. Demand light, supplies light to moderate. Badly needed rain/snow showers moved through area earlier in the week.			
Alfalfa Domestic Sales:			
Good ¾, ton	70	90.00	90.00
Fair 2-3 tie	80	70.00-80.00	75.00
400 tons of other hay. Fair Alfalfa, 70.00 delivered. Sales to feed store, horse, goats, llama and alpaca mostly 2-3 tie bales and small truckloads: No new sales confirmed.			

Toppenish Monthly Dairy Replacement Sale, Toppenish, WA Fri 04/04/03 Receipts: 1,128; Last Month: 1,028; Last Year: 1,217; Compared to last month, bulk of supply was short bred heifers which sold steady to 50.00 higher. Springer heifers traded 50.00 to 100.00 higher, with few fresh heifers exhibiting a steady undertone. Trade and demand was moderate on offerings of mostly Approved and Medium quality heifers. No trend comparison on replacement cows, however good attention was shown to higher quality offerings. Young replacement heifers traded steady on a light test with light to moderate demand. Buyer attendance was good with good to moderate interest.

Fresh Holstein Young Cows per head:

(Approx. milking 30 days or less)

Supreme: 1300.00-1423.00 Approved: 1085.00-1225.00

Medium: 850.00- 925.00 Few

Springer Holstein Heifers per head:

Supreme: 1400.00-1500.00 Approved: 1300.00-1400.00

Medium: 1100.00-1275.00 Common: 800.00-1100.00

Bred Holstein Heifers per head: (bred 3-6 Months)

Supreme: 1350.00-1400.00 Approved: 1110.00-1300.00

Medium: 975.00-1100.00 Common: 850.00- 975.00

Bred Holstein Heifers per head: (bred 1-3 Months)

Medium: 925.00-1050.00 Common: 825.00- 885.00

Holstein Replacement Cows:

Fresh Holstein Milking Cows per head: 35 years old

Common: 325.00- 585.00

Springer Holstein Cows per head:

Approved: 925.00-1100.00

Medium: 700.00- 875.00

Common: 475.00- 650.00

Bred Holstein Cows per head:

(bred 3-6 Months)

Medium: 625.00- 750.00

Bred Holstein Cows per head:

(bred 1-3 Months)

Medium: 700.00- 775.00

Replacement Holstein Breeding Bulls per head:

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	1070-1292	1201	640.00-912.00	750.00 Medium
27	950-1175	1079	532.00-646.00	590.00 Common

Replacement Holstein Heifer Calves per cwt.:

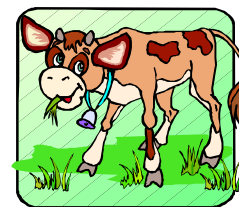
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
18	300-350	330	132.50-135.00	133.81
18	350-400	354	150.00	150.00
40	450-500	479	134.00-150.00	140.60
30	500-550	518	129.00-138.00	133.16
29	550-600	555	129.00	129.00
5	600-650	623	127.00	127.00
28	650-700	664	120.00	120.00
34	700-750	736	108.00	108.00
11	750-800	756	100.00-102.00	101.26
7	800-850	817	92.00	92.00 Common
11	900-950	905	97.00	97.00
6	1100-1150	1100	58.00-59.00	58.83 Heiferettes

Northwest Direct Cattle, Wa-Or-Id, Weekly Summary 4/11/03

Feeder Cattle: 1,137; Last Week: 5,500; Year Ago: 800; Feeder cattle traded steady to firm. Trade slow to moderate with good demand. Prices are FOB weighing point with a 2-3 percent slide on calves and a 3-6 cent slide on Yearlings.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 582 lbs 98.00 Del OR; 875 lbs 75.00-76.00 Del WA; 900 lbs 77.00 for Sep Del FOB WA.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 580 lbs 80.00 FOB ID-WA; 750-800 lbs 73.00 FOB ID-WA-OR; 800 lbs 72.50 FOB WA; 850 lbs 75.00 for Sep Del FOB WA. USDA, Moses Lake, WA (509)765-3611



Stockland Auction, Davenport, WA

4/7/03 Receipts: 974; Week Ago: 552; Year Ago: 868; Feeder cattle sold mostly steady with the bulk made up of small runs with weighing conditions less attractive than last week. Much of the light weight supplies are continuing to move to local grass. Slaughter cows sold mixed with Lean and Boning cattle steady while increased attention was noted for attractive fed cows and Breakers trading 1.00 higher. Slaughter bulls sold steady in a light test. Trade activity with good demand.

Feeder Steer Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wgt	Avg Wt	Price	Avg Price
5	400-450	439	95.00	95.00
15	450-500	479	96.00-100.00	98.74
16	550-600	590	85.00-91.00	88.28
9	600-650	633	86.00-90.00	87.81
3	650-700	680	84.00	84.00
6	750-800	774	75.00-76.25	75.64

Feeder Holstein Steers Large 2-3

6	350-400	388	71.00	71.00
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Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

7	400-450	436	93.50	93.50
7	450-500	475	87.00-90.00	89.13
6	500-550	503	85.00-88.00	86.99
19	550-600	576	83.50-86.00	84.58
7	600-650	616	81.00-82.00	81.57
18	650-700	655	75.00-78.00	77.32
5	650-700	672	73.00	73.00 Full
11	750-800	784	71.50-73.00	72.04

Heiferettes:

YG 2-4 900-1165 lbs 51.00-59.00

Cow/Calf Pairs (Per Pair): Med and Large 1-2 Young 875-1400 lbs with 100-150 lbs calves 610.00-760.00. Mid-Aged 950-1300 lbs with 100-150 lbs calves 625.00-790.00. Aged 1050 lbs with 150 lbs calves 645.00.

Bred Cows (Per Head): Med and Large 1-2 Few Young 1067-1200 lbs 6-8 mo. Bred 650.00-665.00. Med and Large 2-3 Young 960-1220 lbs 6-8 mo. Bred 540.00-600.00.

Baby calves (Per Head): Beef Breeds 80-100 lbs 110.00-170.00. 150 lbs 230.00.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean:

Premium 70-75	1330-1470 lbs	45.00-48.25
Breakers 75-80	1180-1845 lbs	40.50-44.00
Boners 80-85	1000-1700 lbs	37.00-41.00
High Yielding		41.75-42.75
Low Yielding		35.00
Lean 85-90	875-1360 lbs	35.00-38.50
High Yielding		40.75
Low Yielding		31.00 -34.25

Slaughter Bulls:

YG 1-2	1435-2390 lbs	45.00-48.00
High Yielding		52.00
Low Yielding		41.25-43.50

Goats: 19 (per head) Kids: Selection 1-2 41 lbs 42.00. Selection 2-3 22 lbs 25.00. USDA Market News, Moses Lake, Wa 509-765-3611

Quincy Auction, Quincy, WA 4/9/03

Receipts: 571; Last week: 223; Year ago: 483; Not enough feeder cattle last week for accurate trend comparison. However, good buyer attention was noted on larger packages of farm fresh cattle, while smaller lots of attractive cattle were rapidly absorbed by buyers seeking cattle for grass. Good bidding activity and attractive weighing conditions. Slaughter cows were mixed with a small number of Breakers trading steady, while Lean and Boning cattle which made up the majority of the runs trading 2.00 lower. Slaughter bulls 2.00-3.00 lower. Trade active with good demand.

Feeder Steer Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wgt	Avg Wt	Price	Avg Price
7	400-450	446	94.00	94.00
24	450-500	482	94.25	94.25
52	500-550	549	89.50	Small Lot
9	500-550	512	92.25	Thin
15	550-600	567	82.50-88.00	86.50
23	600-650	629	85.10	85.10
7	650-700	670	75.75	75.75
8	650-700	662	69.75	Full
9	650-700	676	87.75	Thin

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

34	450-500	477	82.25-87.00	85.51
11	500-550	544	83.00	83.00
6	550-600	586	77.25	77.25

Heiferettes: Medium and Large 900-1050 lbs 50.00-52.00; 1100-1150 lbs 56.00-60.00.

Pairs: Medium and Large 1-2: Young 1000-1100 lbs with 100-120 lbs calves 700.00-710.00; Mid-Aged 1100-1250 lbs 100-150 lbs calves 680.00-755.00.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean:

Breakers 75-80	1550-1950 lbs	41.75-43.00
Boners 80-85	1100-1600 lbs	37.50-40.75
High Yielding		41.50-43.00
Low Yielding		34.25-36.50
Lean 85-90	1015-1335 lbs	35.00-39.00
High Yielding		42.25
Low Yielding		32.25-33.50

Slaughter Bulls:

YG 1-2	1200-1900 lbs	45.50-48.00
High Yielding		51.00
Low Yielding		44.00-45.00

Hogs: 18; Barrows and Gilts:

US 1-3	243-255 lbs	44.00-44.00
US 2-3	45 lbs	57.50
Sows: US 1-3	475 lbs	29.00

Sheep: 12; Pairs (Per Pair): Medium and Large 1-2 running age 200 lbs with 45 lbs lambs 90.00; Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good 1-2 pkg 185 lbs 29.00.

Goats: 8; Kids: Selection 2-3

40 lbs 35.00. Families: Selection 1-2 200 lbs with 7 lbs kids 130.00; Selection 2-3 150 with 15-20 lbs kids 70.00-80.00. USDA Market News, Moses Lake, WA 509-765-3611

Toppenish Auction, Toppenish, WA

4/10/03 Receipts: 964; Last Week: 1,200; Last Year: 1,385; Feeder cattle sold 1.00 to 3.00 higher on the bulk of the lots, however mid-weight calves between 400-600 lbs suitable for grass traded up to 8.00 higher than last week. Trade was active with average weighing conditions and good demand. Slaughter cows traded mixed on an attractive run with Boners and Breakers steady and Lean cattle 1.00 lower. Slaughter bulls traded steady to firm.

Feeder Steer Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wgt	Avg Wt	Price	Avg Price
5	350-400	393	100.00	100.00
11	500-550	520	87.25-92.50	89.88
8	550-600	501	95.00	95.00
11	600-650	609	89.25	89.25
24	650-700	679	85.00-86.25	85.42
32	700-750	727	77.00	77.00
5	1000-1050	1018	66.75	66.75

Feeder Holstein Steers Large 2-3

5	250-300	258	86.00	86.00
5	300-350	335	82.50	82.50
9	350-400	397	81.00	81.00
22	400-450	449	71.00-75.00	72.54
5	450-500	466	75.00	75.00
14	500-550	524	65.50-66.50	66.00
5	600-650	644	65.00	65.00
7	700-750	702	62.00-63.50	62.65

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

5	350-400	353	94.00	94.00
13	400-450	431	89.50-90.25	89.80
29	500-550	505	83.00-86.50	85.24
16	550-600	580	79.00	79.00
5	600-650	600	78.00	78.00
5	750-800	786	65.50	65.50

Feeder Cows Med and Lg 1-2 Heiferettes

5	1000-1250	1175	50.00-55.00	52.00
5	1250-1500	1325	53.50-60.25	57.35

Bred Cows (Per Hd): Med & Lg 1-2: Young 1010 lbs 6-9 mos bred 560.00; Med and Lg 2-3: Young 842 lbs 6-9 mos bred 510.00.

Cow/Calf Pairs (Per Pair): Med and Lg 1-2: Young 900-1100 lbs with 100-150 lbs calves 775.00-800.00; Mid-Aged 1100-1250 lbs with 100-200 lbs calves 625.00-725.00; Broken Mouthed/Aged 1000-1100 lbs with 100-200 lbs calves 625.00-635.00; Med and Lg 2-3: Young 1200 lbs 650.00.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean:

Premium 70-75	1650-2150 lbs	44.00-48.00
Breakers 75-80	1250-1800 lbs	41.50-43.50
High Yielding		44.00-46.50
Low Yielding		39.00-40.50
Boners 80-85	1050-1800 lbs	38.00-42.50
High Yielding		42.50-43.50
Low Yielding		36.00-37.00
Lean 85-90	915-1500 lbs	35.00-38.50
High Yielding		42.00-42.50
Low Yielding		32.00-33.50

Slaughter Bulls:

Y.G. 1-2	1215-2300 lbs	48.00-53.00
High Yielding		53.00 -56.00
Low Yielding		45.00 -45.50

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Klamath Auction, Klamath Falls, OR 4/08/03 Receipts: 177; Last Week: 208; Last Year: 245; Compared to two weeks ago Feeder steers steady to 2.00 higher. Feeder heifers 2.00-3.00 higher. Feeder cows steady to 1.00 higher. Stock cows steady. Slaughter cows .50-1.00 higher. Slaughter bulls too few to test. Demand for all classes moderate to good.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1

Head	Weight	Avg Wt	Price	Avg Price
4	601	601	90.50	90.50

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1 – 2

4	617	617	82.00	82.00
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Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1

15	556-599	591	82.00-82.25	82.20
10	642-647	644	71.50-75.25	73.01
3	703	703	74.75	74.75

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1 – 2

6	552-563	560	77.00-79.00	78.34
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Feeder Cows: Medium and Large 1-2 Heiferettes 995-1215 lbs 59.00-63.50; Young cows 1070-1145 lbs 41.00-47.00.

Stock cows: Medium and Large 1-2 English cross 800-1100 lbs mixed age cows with 90-125 lb calves 635.00-690.00 per pair.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean:

Boner	80-85	1100-1250 lbs	38.60-40.25
Low dr.	80-85	1375-1710 lbs	35.00-37.00
Lean	85-90	880-950 lbs	35.75-39.25
Low dr.	85-90	1060-1455 lbs	31.75-35.25

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CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE SETTLEMENT 4/10/03		
Month	Settlement	Change
SLAUGHTER CATTLE		
April	77.70	- 37 ½
May	75.02 ½	- 2 ½
June	71.67 ½	- 25
FEEDER CATTLE		
April	78.55	- 2 ½
May	78.17 ½	- 32 ½
August	81.77 ½	- 37 ½
LEAN HOGS		
April	49.35	- 55
May	54.52 ½	- 107 ½
June	57.55	- 102 ½

Afternoon National Slaughter Cattle Review 4/10/03

Trading light on moderate demand today in all feeding regions. Some clean up trade in Kansas traded steady to firm on a live basis at 80.00 to 81.00. Not enough dressed sales in the Northern Plains to establish an adequate market trend. The latest fully established market was Wednesday with dressed sales at mostly 130.00. Negotiated sales:

Confirmed: 7,102 Week ago: 34,818 Year ago: 20,463
Week to Date: 207,942 Week ago: 121,540 Year ago: 169,480
Negotiated: prices paid for Domestic Slaughter steers and heifers: (Info. derived from the 5 area weighted average LM_CT100)

Live basis	Steers	Heifers
Over 80% Choice	81.50-81.50 avg 81.50	80.00-80.00 avg 80.00
35-65% Choice	80.00-81.00 avg 80.06	80.00-81.00 avg 80.42
Total all grades	80.00 -81.50 avg 80.09	80.00-81.00 avg 80.42

Dressed basis	Steers	Heifers
Over 80%Ch	130.00-131.00 avg 130.76	129.00-129.00 avg 129.00
65-80% Ch	128.00-131.00 avg 130.01	129.00-129.00 avg 129.00
35-65% Ch	128.00-129.00 avg 128.73	128.00-129.00 avg 128.11
Ttl all grades	128.00-131.00 avg 129.22	128.00-129.00 avg 128.56

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NATIONAL DAILY BOXED BEEF CUTOUT AND BOXED BEEF CUTS

4-10-03 Based on negotiated prices and volume of boxed beef cuts delivered within 0-21 days and on average industry cutting yields. Values reflect U.S. dollars per 100 pounds. Boxed beef firm on light to moderate demand and offerings. Select and Choice rib and loin cuts firm, while chuck and round cuts generally steady. Beef trimmings generally steady on light to moderate demand and offerings.

	CHOICE		SELECT	
	600-750#	750-900#	600-750#	750-900#
Current Cutout Values:	\$133.90	\$134.35	\$123.68	\$123.93
Change from prior day:	\$0.33	\$0.83	\$0.23	\$0.63

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NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT HOGS 4/10/03

NEGOTIATED PURCHASE (Including Packer-sold)

Barrows & Gilts (Carcass Basis): 35,205

Barrows and Gilts compared to prior day's close, steady.

Base Price Range \$40.50 - \$51.01, weighted average \$47.60

Base Market Hog 185 lb Carcass Basis, Plant Delivered (0.9-1.1 inch back-fat, 6 square inch loin/2.0 depth)

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MOUNTAIN AREA & WESTERN U.S. SHEEP REPORT 4/11/03

Feeder lamb trading slow. Comparable sales new crop lambs Steady, instances 2.00 higher in Utah. Clean up sales of old crop lambs lower than the majority of sales several weeks ago. Sales fob with overnight stand or 4% shrink. Per cwt basis.

Medium and Large 1-2 (current delivery unless noted)

CO 1,200 Head New crop 100 lbs 101.00 del into CO

CA 1,100 Head Old crop # 1- Fall Shorn 155 lbs 98.00

3,500 Hd New crop woolled 100-110 lbs 100.00-105.00 for May del

UT 10,000 Hd New crop woolled 90-110 lbs 90.00-92.00 for Sept/Oct del

SD/MN 4,200 Hd Nw crop woolled 70-80 lbs 108.50-113.50 del into state

Slaughter ewes, feeder lambs or ewes going for Export to Mexico trading at a virtual standstill. Ewes going to Mexico finding limited demand as permits remain unsettled. Replacement ewes and ewe lambs: Trading very slow due to very limited supplies. Demand good to Very good for ewe lambs, yearlings and solid mouth ewes.

CA 900 Head Whiteface yearlings 135 lbs 116.00 per head

ID 1,100 Head Whiteface yearlings 130 -135 lbs 140.00 per head

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Wholesale Feedstuff Prices, to the NW Coast 4/8/03	
Commodity	Price
47% Solvent Soybean Meal, Rail delivered	202.10-206.10
36% Canola Meal, Rail	144.10-147.10
Truck	158.10-163.10
50% meat & bone meal fob production point	180.00
15% Sun cured Alfalfa Pellets	127.00-147.00
Wheat millrun FOB flourmills in eastern, central and western OR. and WA.	83.00-90.00, reseller offers
Distillers dried grains rail feed mill	125.00-130.00
Truck delivered dairy	138.00-144.00
Whole Cottonseed	200.00-203.00
Cane Feeding Molasses, FOB Seattle	90.00
Whole feeding grains in \$\$ per ton, bulk FOB NW Coast	
No. 2 48 lbs. Barley	122.00-123.00
No. 2 Yellow Corn- sing. rail car, N. of Seattle	117.75-120.50
No.2 Yellow Corn- single rail car, Seattle Area	114.25-118.75
No. 2 Yell Corn– single rail car, Portland Area	113.50-116.25
No. 2 Yellow Corn – Truck, Willamette Valley	114.25-125.00
No. 2 Yellow Corn –Rail-Truck, Yakima Valle y	114.50-117.75
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